

POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
June 9, 2015
Outreach Committee Chair Report

Chair Brown and Commissioners,

The Outreach Committee met on May 28, 2015. Commissioners Westphal and Singleton were present, as well as Committee Clerk Leda Schuster.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING BODY CAMERAS

The Committee discussed hosting multiple listening sessions over the summer to gather public feedback on the policy issues surrounding body camera. During the May 12, 2015, PCOC meeting, Legal Analyst Patrick explained that in the last days of its legislative session, the Minnesota Legislature did not appear poised to pass any legislation that would impact body camera policy. The session ended on May 18, 2015, without any such legislation passing. As a result, the Committee discussed the importance of the PCOC providing policy guidance to MPD and providing a forum in which the public can express its opinions with regard to body cameras, including any privacy concerns and policies governing the de/activation of body cameras and non/public classification of footage.

The Committee moved to recommend that the PCOC host three listening sessions on the issue of body cameras. The Committee discussed hosting the sessions on June 27, July 11, and July 25, 2015. Commissioner Westphal agreed to work with the OPCR on logistical arrangements should the PCOC decide to move forward with the project.

II. JUNE OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

The Committee discussed with the OPCR whether the Civil Rights Department would again be tabling at the Juneteenth and Pride Festivals. The Civil Rights Department will have a table at each event, and commissioners are encouraged to attend the events to share information on the PCOC and engage with members of the community. Full event information is below:

Juneteenth Festival
June 20, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
North Mississippi Regional Park
5114 North Mississippi Drive
Minneapolis, MN

Pride Festival
June 27-28, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Loring Park
1382 Willow Street
Minneapolis, MN 55403

If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to Faith.Jackson@minneapolismn.gov and copy Leda Schuster.

III. CINCO DE MAYO RECAP

The Committee discussed the Lake Street Cinco de Mayo that was held on May 10. The Committee explained that nearly 250 magnets were handed out, indicating that many, many attendees were reached.

IV. OJP COMMUNICATIONS VIDEO

Commissioner Cerrillo, through Commissioner Singleton, indicated that the OJP Communications Committee now expects the video explaining the civilian oversight and complaint filing process to be complete by September and not April, as originally projected.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jennifer L. Singleton

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PCOC Outreach Committee Chair